Countires	Quantity in Tons		Value in Rs. Lakhs			
	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06 (Prov.)	
Indonesia	2781751	579899.07	2705243	601221.37	2131196	406550.34
Argentina	795334	210409.6	771731	208314.97	1180.277	277053.85
Malaysia	1304862	279347.03	898371	196067.08	389688	72238.58
Brazil	223009	56653.98	281189	75076.68	350235	82907.97
UAE	2566	1075.03	56233	14507.81	81524	19402.66
USA	62838	20002.28	12527	5820.29	26330	9787.82
Others	119936	20937.52	25900	6680.64	15540	3691.22
TOTAL	5290296	1168324.51	4751194	1107688.84	4174790	871632.44

(c) and (d) Subsequent to removal of quantitative restrictions on imports in 2001, the Government has put in place a suitable mechanism for monitoring the import of sensitive items. Protection to the domestic producers including farmers is provided by resorting to various WTO compatible measures which include calibration of applied tariff within bound levels and safeguard action under specified circumstances. Further, the Government also implements a number of development programmes to increase the competitiveness of the Indian farmers. These include introduction of improved farming technology, improved availability of inputs including water, credit and fertilizers and price support through the Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme and Market Intervention Scheme (MIS).

Production capacity of cement industry

866. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR:Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present production capacity of cement industry in the country;

(b) whether the production of cement in the country has fallen short of demand during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to enhance the production capacity of the cement industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION; MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (c) Information relating to installed capacity to large cement plants, production and domestic consumption of

cement, as provided by the Cement Manufacturers' Association, is as below:

(in million MTs)

Year	Installed Capacity	Production	Domestic Consumption
2003-04	146.64	117.50	113.86
2004-05	153.85	127.57	123.07
2005-06	157.59	141.81	135.56
2006-07 (upto 30.06.06)	164.41	38.95	36.96

(d) Government has put in place liberal and investor-friendly policies and cement industry is not under compulsory industrial licensing. Production capacity is being enhanced by setting up greenfield projects and expansion of existing plants by the cement manufacturers taking into account the growth in demand of cement and other techno-economic considerations. Cement Manufacturers' Association has indicated that the production capacity is likely to increase by 30-35 million tonnes in next five years.

Import of coconut oil

867. SHRI A.K. ANTONY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of coconut oil imported in the year 2005-06;

(b) whether Government have received any representation to stop such imports, in order to save the coconut growers from the crashing prices;

(c) whether Government are considering quantity restrictions on the import of coconut oil; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):